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CHARLES LEE'S TREASON.

[Harper's Magazine for June.]

A capital plan of the British ministry for the campaign of 1777 was the seizure and the occupation by military posts of the Champlain and Hudson valleys, from St. John's on the St. Lawrence, to the city of New York. The object was to sever the close union between New England and the other States, and to weaken the whole that the subjugation of the resisting States might become an easy task. To accomplish this end forces were prepared to move southward from the banks of the St. Lawrence, while other forces should ascend the Hudson river, and these columns, meeting near Albany, perfect the execution of the scheme. Lieutenant-General Burgoyne commanded the northern invading army, and Sir William Howe the forces that were to penetrate New York from the south.

At this point a treacherous officer of high rank in the Continental army appears conspicuous in the series of events that caused the evacuation of Philadelphia. That officer was Charles Lee, the senior Major General under Washington. He had been an officer in the British army, served under Burgoyne in Portugal, and had risen to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. He had served under Braddock in the disastrous conflict on the banks of the Monongahela, and with Abercrombie in the unsuccessful attack on Ticonderoga, about twenty years before the time we are considering. Lee had dwelt for a time among the Mohawk Indians, who made him a chief, with the appropriate name of "Boiling Water"—for he was a hot and ever restless man, vain, arrogant, jealous, and quarrelsome. Failing to obtain higher promotion in the army, he left the royal service, came to America in 1773, engaged in politics on the side of the colonists, and when the Continental army was organized he received the commission of Major-General. He resigned his commission in the British army, but required Congress to indemnify him against any loss which he might sustain as a consequence of that act. Then he began to play the part of an American patriot; to enable him to continue to do so, Congress, in the autumn of 1776, loaned him upon his own bond \$30,000. He was simply an unscrupulous and selfish adventurer, whose influence in the army was always pernicious.

Proud, censorious, and disobedient, Lee had followed Washington at a distance with a heavy force during the perilous flight of the shattered American army across New Jersey late in 1776, pursued by the victorious troops of Cornwallis. Washington repeatedly called upon Lee to push forward and give him strength to strike the pursuers, and he as often omitted to obey. He evidently desired to have disaster befall his superior, hoping thereby to promote his own ambitious scheme to become commander-in-chief. He was not only disobedient, but several days after the chase had ended at the Delaware, and Cornwallis had relinquished it, Lee, yet lingering in New Jersey, suffered himself to be captured, at some distance from his army, by a small British scout. Taken to New York, he was used harshly at first by General Howe, as a British deserter, but very soon that commander and his officers treated Lee with marked consideration. And well they might; for Lee revealed to Howe the political condition of Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Virginia, and presented him with a written plan for the subjugation of the colonies, which promised better results than that of the ministry. He made it appear so plainly that a land and naval expedition up the Chesapeake and Delaware bays would prove successful, that the brothers Howe abandoned the ministerial plan and largely accepted Lee's. They sailed for Chesapeake Bay with a greater part of the British army, instead of going up the Hudson to co-operate with Burgoyne coming down from the north. Howe landed his troops on the shores of Maryland, marched into Pennsylvania, gained a victory on the banks of the Brandywine Creek, frightened Congress from Philadelphia, took possession of that city in the autumn of 1777, and held it until June, 1778. This abandonment of Burgoyne caused the loss of that General's army and its splendid appointments, and the ruin of the ministerial plan.

Advices from London by mail state that the boat race for £300 and the championship between Henry Thomas and William Elliott came off recently on the Thames, the course being from Putney to Mortlake. Elliott won easily, time—23 minutes 56 seconds. Elliott is matched to row Higgins on June the 3d for £400, and if successful in this race he will be sent to America to row Hanlan, of Toronto; Even Morris, of Pittsburgh, Charles Courtney, or any other man in the United States or British Colonies.

The dogs of war snout.

THE GRAVE OF HARRY MEIGGS.

A Lima correspondent has been making the trip over the Oroya Railroad across the Andes, and is naturally filled with enthusiasm in his description of that great work. In the course of his trip he arrived at the country seat of the eldest son of the late Harry Meiggs. Of it he says:

It is situated on the line of the Oroya Railroad, about three miles from Callao. A nod to the engineer pulls up the train for me at the little country station, and I walk up a shady path festooned by roses and willows to the gateway in the huge castle-like walls that surround the house itself. Passing beneath an iron-grated archway I mount two flights of stairs, pass another grating door, and only then find myself on a level with the garden. A brief flight of steps brings me onto the great porch, twenty feet wide, that sweeps round the house. The latter, a one-storied building of some twenty rooms is, therefore, built upon a terrace, one of the Indian mounds scattered over the country so profusely, and has consequently a magnificent view in every direction. To the south and west stretches the blue Pacific, to the south and east the long ranges of the Andes pile up one behind the other, on our right glitter the towers of Lima, only five miles away, and to our left from the batteries and fortresses of Callao. The southern trade wind blows steadily all day, and a more delightfully cool breezy spot I don't know. The green valley of the Rimac is before us, the river itself winding like a ribbon of silver down to the sea, and every half hour the cars from Lima or Callao glide past, giving to the landscape the element it would otherwise lack, life and motion. At the angle of the terrace on which the house is built are four towers, battlemented and pierced by musketry, so that the gates once closed a dozen men could defend the house against an army. It is such a relief to get away from Lima, the former brightness and cheerfulness of which is now obscured for me by the shadow of a tomb. For here, near the hacienda, in a little meadow, inclosed by modest white-pallings, rises a simple mausoleum of brick, where, obeying the wishes of our great and good friend, Mr. Meiggs, we have laid him. Surrounded by flowers, that he loved; within sound of the sad cadence of the sea; with the magnificent mountains, whose ravines he had spanned, full in sight, and the murmur of the train on the road he immortalized, and the every half hour, lies the coffin that incloses all that was mortal of him. There is nothing sad in the surroundings of the tomb—it is not in a cemetery, but a garden.

TERRIBLE RESULT FROM A THIEF TRAMP.

News has just reached this city of a horrible and fatal case of wholesale poisoning at Elk Garden, Russell county, in the Southern part of the State. It appears that Mrs. Martha Micalitor, a well-known farmer's wife, had been much annoyed of late by thieves stealing large quantities of butter. She bet thought herself of a plan to stop the repeated thefts, and it was this: She put strychnine into all the rolls of a certain firkin, and placed the firkin in a convenient place for the robbers one night recently.

The firkin was promptly stolen, and Mrs. Micalitor was satisfied that the thieves would die. But oh, horrible! instead of the the thieves eating the butter they sold it! It was broadcast through the country. Mr. Jackson, a very prominent planter, purchased several rolls of it yesterday, and supposing it all right, the servant placed it on his supper table, where there were twelve persons at the repast, of whom four died in a few hours after eating the butter. They were Andrew, Joseph and James Jackson, three brothers, and Miss Alice Gatewood, who happened to be a guest of the Misses Jackson; besides, three other persons at the table were taken dangerously ill, among them a young lawyer, who was paying attention to Miss Alice Gatewood.

The greatest excitement prevails in the country. Neither the thieves who stole and sold the poisoned butter, nor the lady who used such a dangerous trick, have been arrested, but doubtless exertions will be made to lynch the men who sold it.—[Richmond (Va.) Dispatch.

A few weeks since there appeared in a Paris newspaper the following notice: "A widow, young and good-looking, mother of four children, without a fortune, desires to marry a wealthy and honorable man. Address B. R." There were four replies to this letter. A few days after this notice appeared a body was taken from the Seine, and from evidence obtained it was the husband of the lady now a widow. He had inserted the advertisement finding it impossible to support his wife and children. A reply to the advertisement had been sent by a wealthy gentleman, and the husband, having ascertained that his intentions were honorable, made his wife a widow by drowning himself. The gentleman, upon being informed of the facts, pledged himself to educate the children, and whether the next chapter will be a marriage is uncertain.

The British Newspaper Press Directory for 1878 exhibits 1,744 newspapers published in the United Kingdom. In the United States in 1877 there were 8,079 newspapers and periodicals. Of British newspapers 158 are daily, while of the American 709 are daily.

THE GREAT RACE.

Mollie McCarty has reached Louisville, Kentucky, safely and in good condition. The horse-men in the East are greatly excited over the little wonder's arrival and are already betting on the result of the race. Ten Broeck has made better time than Mollie ever has (in public), but then Mollie never yet lost a heat or a purse, and don't know what it is to have a horse pass her; while it is said that Ten Broeck is a big coward and that he gives up when a horse out-foots him. The Sacramento Bee gives some statistics regarding the stock and performances of the two horses as follows:

Mollie McCarty was sired by Monday, dam Hennie Farrow, by imported Shamrock. She is owned by Theodore Winters, is five years old and carries 112 pounds.

Ten Broeck was sired by imported Phaeton, dam Fannie Holton, by Lexington. He is owned by Frank Harper of Kentucky and carries 118 pounds.

While Ten Broeck has a record of the best time, it is claimed by Mollie's backers that in private the mare has made much better time than is officially credited to her. The time of Ten Broeck is as follows: Four miles, 7:15; three miles, 5:25; two miles, 3:37; one mile, 1:39. This record, also of fact, was not made in a race, but against time. Mollie's record is as follows: Four miles, 7:38; two miles, 3:36; one mile, 1:43. She has never run a three-mile heat race, and the above time was made in regular races. In New York, Louisville and St. Louis, Ten Broeck is the favorite, although Mollie will have a strong backing who oppose Mr. Harper, the owner of Ten Broeck. In racing matters Chicago turfmen lean strongly to the support of Mollie; and the little mare will have a heavy backing on this coast.

New York Tribune: The black cat of the Cincinnati organ achieved an enormous popularity before the close of the festival. At the organ concert, when Miss Cary was expected to sing, the artists' door opened and a procession appeared in the following order: 1. The cat, walking with deliberate step to the front of the stage; 2. Miss Cary, laughing; 3. A futile man in pursuit of the cat. Roars of applause and laughter went up from the house, while the man tried in vain to catch the cat, and Miss Cary attempted soft persuasion, and the organist on his perch in the far background, turned a pair of wondering spectacles upon the shouting audience. A colored woman, waving her apron and crying "shoo!" finally ran out from the dressing room, and puss was induced to retire.

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